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CANADA.

Inspection of immigrants at Quebec.

QUEBEC, CANADA, *May 25, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended May 25 there were inspected 388 steerage passengers; passed, 378; cause of detention, hernia, 8; trachoma, 2; favus, 2.

Respectfully,

VICTOR G. HEISER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

COLOMBIA.

Report from Bocas del Toro—Fruit port.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *May 22, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith the following report of the transactions at this station for the week ended May 21, 1901, inclusive:

The following vessels have cleared from this port during the week: May 15, Norwegian steamship *John Wilson*, Hansen, master; crew, 17; no passengers; for Mobile, Ala. May 17, Norwegian steamship *Bodo*, Johannesen, master; crew, 16; no passengers; for Mobile, Ala. May 18, Norwegian steamship *Harald*, Halvorsen, master; crew, 17; no passengers; for Mobile, Ala. May 19, Norwegian steamship *Banes*, Tronstad, master; crew, 16; no passengers; for Mobile, Ala.

The health of this place and the surrounding subports in the lagoons is good.

Respectfully,

PAUL OSTERHOUT,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Report from Panama—Good rains and improved water supply.

PANAMA, COLOMBIA, *May 9, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to write that since my dispatch No. 168, of April 29, there have occurred excellent rains in and around Panama and the water supply is now very good. However, as I mentioned in the above-named dispatch, up to the 2d instant conditions had a very serious aspect and the rains of late have been the means of averting an impending water famine.

Respectfully,

FRANCIS GUDGER,
Vice Consul-General.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

COSTA RICA.

Report from Port Limon—Fruit port—Yellow fever in Liberia.

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, *May 25, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit this, my weekly report. The following 6 ships have been inspected and cleared for New Orleans: May 17, steamship *Hispania*, crew, 22. May 18, steamship *Stillwater*, crew, 32. May 23, steamship *Beverly*, crew, 39. May 24, steam tug *Wilmot*, hav-

ing in tow the barge *Atlas*, the former with crew, 25, the latter crew, 12. May 25, steamship *Holstein*, crew, 21.

None carried passengers, and triplicates of certificates given their masters are herewith inclosed. May 20, cleared, steamship *Athos*, for New York with 6 passengers.

Five deaths were reported in Port Limon for the week ended May 19, 1901, viz, 1 American, white male adult, of abscess of liver; 1 negro child, congestion of the brain; 1 negro infant, cholera infantum; 1 negro adult male, inanition; 1 native of Colombia, male, hepatitis.

The general health of the port and immediate vicinity is fairly good, and I know of no quarantinable disease here present.

The disinfecting steam apparatus belonging to the United Fruit Company, of the Kinyoun-Francis pattern, has been put in readiness for service. I am still using formaldehyd on the laborers' clothing, awaiting directions from the Bureau.

No passengers are now being taken by the fruit companies for southern ports of the United States. An official report to the Costa Rican national authorities, by an expert physician of their selection, tells of the prevalence of yellow fever at Liberia, a city of about 6,000 inhabitants, in the Pacific coast province of Guanacaste, Costa Rica. Liberia is not far from the Pacific coast and while somewhat elevated is in what is known as the "hot lands."

Communication between Liberia and San José, the western terminus of the railroad from Port Limon is, fortunately, limited and difficult.

Respectfully,

D. W. GOODMAN,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

CUBA.

Reports from Cienfuegos, Casilda, and Santa Cruz del Sur.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, *May 27, 1901.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for the island of Cuba, I have the honor to submit the following report for the district under my command, for the period from May 19 to May 25, 1901, inclusive: Sixteen deaths have occurred in this city. No contagious diseases reported. Death rate per 1,000 inhabitants, 20.85.

The following shows cause of death, and of the total number, 5 occurred in the civic hospital, this city: Mitral insufficiency, 3; old age, 2; tuberculosis, 2; enteritis, 2; erysipelas, 1; tetanus, traumatic, 1; paludism, 1; wounds, 1; embolism, 1; heart disease, 1; sclerosis, arterial, 1.

Nine vessels have been inspected and passed, granted pratique; 14 bills of health issued vessels leaving Cienfuegos; 1 alien steerage passenger inspected and allowed to land; 181 health certificates issued passengers leaving Cienfuegos; 65 pieces of baggage leaving Cienfuegos, inspected and passed; 149 pieces of baggage disinfected previous to embarkation; 10 pieces of baggage, destination Manzanillo and Santiago, from Havana, labeled to be disinfected at port of destination; steamship *Miguel M. Pinillo* disinfected previous to departure for New Orleans.

Casilda.—Acting Asst. Surg. Alejandro Cantero reports 4 deaths in the city of Trinidad during the week. No contagious diseases reported.